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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:54 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11315.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 622, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid

program for such children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

2003 BLACKOUTS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing on the cause of the August 2003 Northeast blackouts, and the response and role of the federal government to ensure that blackouts of this magnitude do not occur again, focusing on the U.S.-Canada Power Outage Task Force investigation into the August 14th blackout, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Pat Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Alan R. Schriber, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus; James Y. Kerr II, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh; James P. Torgerson, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Carmel, Indiana; William J. Museler, New York Independent System Operator, Schenectady; and Mark N. Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and Craig A. Glazer, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., both of Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded a hearing to examine terrorism two years after 9/11, focusing on institutionalized Islam, Saudi Arabia, and foreign sponsorship of a militant Islamic agenda in the United States, after receiving testimony from Simon Henderson, Saudi Strategies, London, United Kingdom; and Matthew Epstein, The Investigative Project, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3054–3074 and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 276–277, and H. Res. 365–366 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8175–76

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 1038, to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or

private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, (H. Rept. 108–218, Pt. 2).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H8089

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by the Reverend Dr. Kathryn A. Towne, President, Life in Faith and Trust Ministries in Lakewood Colorado.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program: H.R. 2595, to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002; **Pages H8091–94**

Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003: H.R. 2433, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing with health care for their illness without requirement for proof of service-connection, and for other purposes."; **Pages H8094–97**

Federal Annuity Payments: H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments; **Pages H8097–98**

Congratulating Rafael Palmeiro: H. Res. 315, congratulating Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers for hitting 500 major league home runs and thanking him for being a role model for the Cuban American community, as well as for all Americans; **Pages H8098–H8101**

Commending the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team: H. Res. 266, commending the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship; and **Pages H8101–03**

Welcoming His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: H. Res. 359, welcoming His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama and recognizing his commitment to non-violence, human rights, freedom, and democracy (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 492). **Pages H8103–07, H8116–17**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H8107–11, H8117–18**

The House agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to require the managers on the part of the House to insist on inclusion of the highest possible

level of funding for each Homeland Security, preparedness and disaster response program within Title II, III and IV and on inclusion of House General Provision 521 by a ye-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 74 nays, Roll No. 494. **Pages H8107–11, H8117–18**

Appointed as conferees: Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Wolf, Wamp, Latham, Emerson, Granger, Sweeney, Sherwood, Sabo, Price (NC), Serrano, Roybal-Allard, Berry, Mollohan, and Obey. **Page H8118**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motion To Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Ruppertsberger motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003 by a ye-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 493. **Page H8117**

Later the House rejected the Davis of Tennessee motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 501). **Pages H8178–82, H8190**

Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information by a ye-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 30 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 499. **Pages H8111–16, H8118–67**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H8131–39**

Agreed to:

Oxley amendment, No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that clarifies the language of various provisions in the bill; **Pages H8139–40**

Frank of Massachusetts amendment, No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that requires regional credit bureaus be required to give consumers a free copy of their credit report each year, in addition to the three nationwide bureaus (agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 186 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 497); and **Pages H8161, H8165–66**

Ney amendment, No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that makes provisions regarding free credit reports and consumer access to credit scores a national standard by preempting any future state laws (agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 189 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 498). **Pages H8149–51, H8166**

Rejected:

Waters amendment, No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that would have specified that the law does not preempt California's financial privacy law or the state's Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act; **Pages H8140–45**

Sanders amendment, No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that prohibits credit card companies from raising annual percentage rates or introductory annual percentage rates except for reasons directly related to that credit card account or a late payment on another credit card or debt (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 272 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 495); and **Pages H8152–58, H8164**

Kanjorski amendment, No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that inserts a sunset provision on the Uniform National Consumer Protection standards (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 310 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 496). **Pages H8158–60, H8164–65**

Withdrawn:

Lee amendment, No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to exempt the California Financial Information Privacy Act and any law of other states that is similar to the California law; **Pages H8145–49**

Royce amendment, No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require entities that furnish information to credit bureaus to reinvestigate any disputed information after the consumer has asked for a reinvestigation that fails to resolve the dispute; **Pages H8151–52**

Kelly amendment, No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allow for regulatory authority to adjust response time for requests for free credit reports whenever the national credit bureaus experience a high volume of such requests; **Pages H8156–58**

Inslee amendment, No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require agencies with terrorism investigatory powers that receive credit reports as part of their investigations to submit semiannual reports to Congress; and **Page H8160**

Tauscher amendment, No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of September 9, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allow consumers to have a notice placed in their credit file that states that no credit may be offered before reasonable procedures are taken to confirm the consumer's identity. **Page H8163**

The House agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8167**

H. Res. 360, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H8116**

The House later agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time for debate on amendments. **Page H8145**

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion To Instruct Conferees: The House passed the Edwards motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 500. **Pages H8167–71, H8177–78, H8189–90**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion To Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 502). **Pages H8182–89, H8190–91**

Order of Business—H.R. 911: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad; that the bill be considered as read; that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as read and adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources; and (2) one motion to recommit. **Page H8191**

Order of Business—True American Heroes Act of 2003: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House, H.R. 1538, to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001; that the bill be considered as read for amendment; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of

the Committee on Financial Services; and (2) one motion to recommit. **Page H8191**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notice of the necessity of continuing in effect after September 14, 2003, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc 108–124). **Page H8192**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8089.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET, WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE LETTER

Committee on Agriculture: Approved the Budget, Waste, Fraud and Abuse letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3038, Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003; H.R. 3034, amended, National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1260, Animal Drug User Fee Act.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury's views on the regulation of government sponsored enterprises. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and Mel R. Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—DEVELOPING SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "Developing Sound Business Practices at the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Linda Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Bruce Carnes, Chief Financial Officer; and Richard Berman, Assistant Inspector General, Audit.

TAINTED POLIO VACCINE—INCREASE IN CANCER

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "The SV-40 Virus: Has Tainted Polio Vaccine Caused an Increase in Cancer?" Testimony was heard from James Goedert, M.D., Chief, Viral Epidemiology, National Cancer Institute, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WORM AND VIRUS DEFENSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled "Worm and Virus Defense: How Can We Protect the Nation's Computers From These Threats?" Testimony was heard from Robert Dacey, Director, IT Security, GAO; Lawrence Hale, Director, FedCIRC, Department of Homeland Security; Norman Lorentz, Acting Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; John Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1038, amended, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2134, amended, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2003; H.R. 3036, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 through 2005; H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; and H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and